

Given

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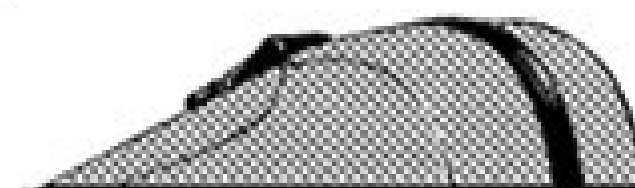


BACK WHEN
I MET AKIHIKO,

AN AIR THAT WAS
10 TIMES HARDER
TO APPROACH HIM.

HE HAD A
BIT MORE OF
A ROUGH AIR
TO HIM.

HE HAD WITH HIM A
VIOLIN CASE, SO I
THOUGHT MAYBE THIS
GUY'S A MUSIC MAJOR.



BUT I ENDED
UP MEETING
THE PRODIGY,
UENOYAMA
RITSUKA.



IT MIXED
THINGS UP
A BIT,



AS
FOR ME,

MY BAND'S
VOCALIST RAN
OFF AND ALL THE
OTHER MEMBERS
BEGAN TO OH-SO
WONDERFULLY
DISBAND.

Sorry, my
friend already
asked me to
join their
band.

Huh?

I'm
sorry.

Huh?!





IT WAS
THE ONE
TIME I WAS
GONNA
GIVE UP.

(THIS SOUNDS
BAD BUT) I
COULDN'T JUST
CUT OFF MY
ATTACHMENT
TO THAT
UENOYAMA BOY,

AND I KEPT
CURSING THE
DAY OUR
VOCALIST LEFT.

HM.



ANY EXTRA
SUMMARIES
BACK THERE,
PASS THEM
BACK TO THE
FRONT.



**OHhhh
GOD.**

**I-I-I-IT'S
HIM!!!**



AGH! I CAN
STARE AT HIM
FOREVER.

WAIT...



HUH?



**HOOOOLY SHIT,
HIS PROFILE'S
SOOO HOT.**



HOLD ON
A SEC,

IS THAT A
SNARE?

HUH, COULD
IT BE HE'S A
DRUMMER?



THIS WAS THE CLIMAX OF MY LIFE. I HAD TO MAN UP A BIT.

chatter

ALL RIGHT, LET'S START.

HEY...

THAT MOMENT,

I WONDERED WAS IT FATE. CHILLS RAN DOWN ME AS MY MIND PLUNGED INTO SHOUJO MANGA TERRITORY, AND I PANICKED.

NO, NO WAY,

THIS GUY PLAYS THE DRUMS?!

HEY.

THE SUMMARIES.

DO YOU... DUDE, YOU PLAY THE DRUMS?

THAT'S IT. JUST THAT ONE QUESTION HAS DONE ME IN.

PLEASE DON'T LAUGH.

IT WAS THE
FIRST TIME...

...I PROPERLY
SAW HIS FACE.

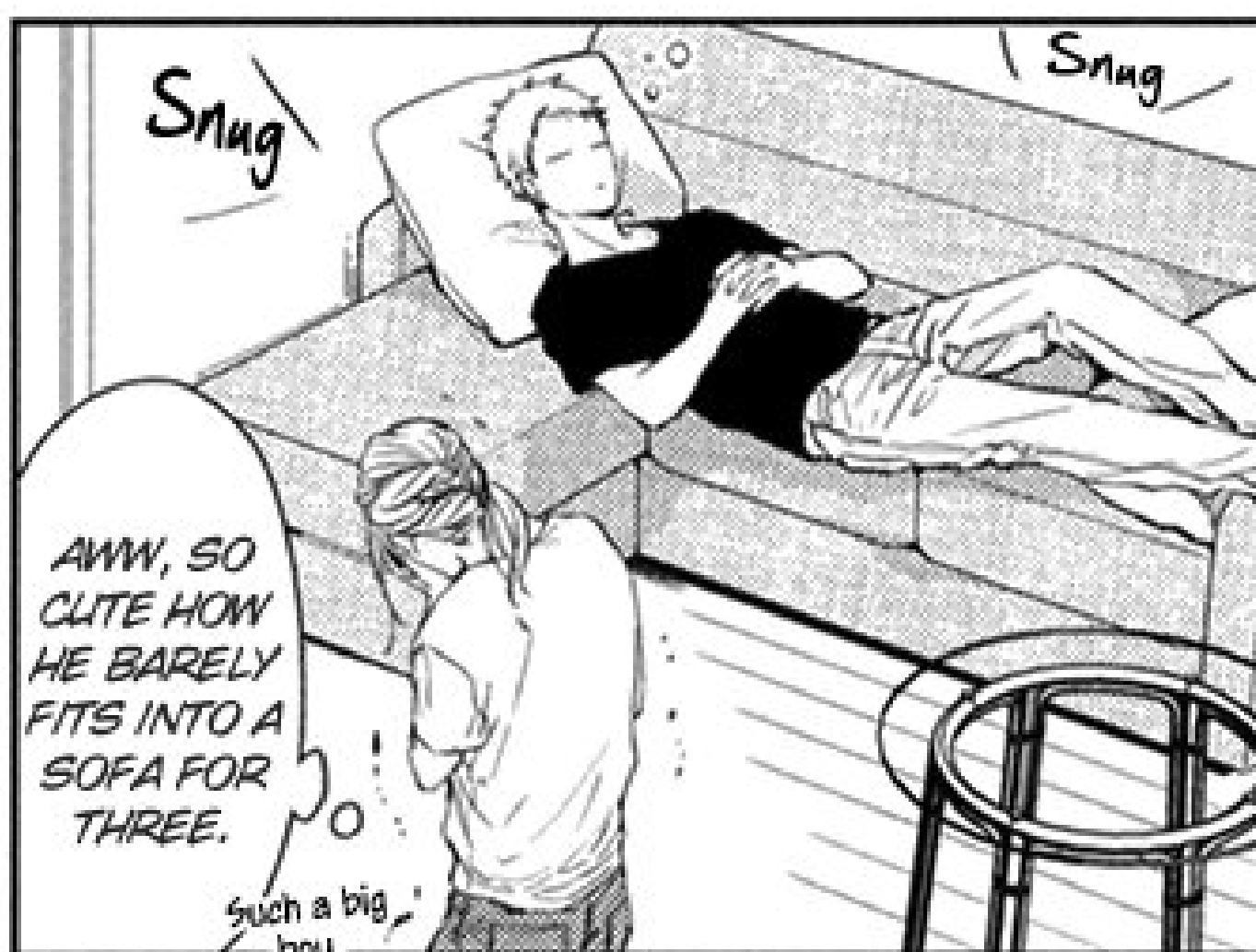
HIS EYES
BRIGHTLY
REFLECTED
THE LIGHT.

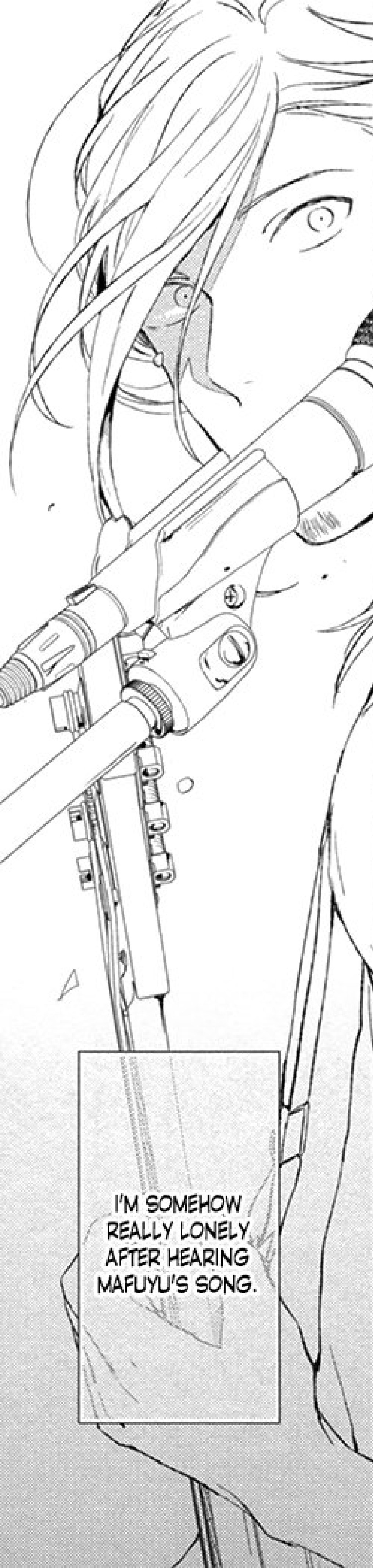
I DISCOVERED
THEY WERE A
SUBTLE SHADE
OF GREEN.

AFTER ALL THE HELL
AND HIGH WATER OF THAT
WINTER, I ROUNDED UP
AKIHIKO AND UENOYAMA,

AND WHEN NEW YEAR
CAME AROUND, WE HAD
BECOME THE BAND WE
ARE NOW.

I THOUGHT
IT WAS ALL
A MIRACLE.





I THOUGHT
I WAS FINE JUST
CRUSHING ON
HIM, YET...

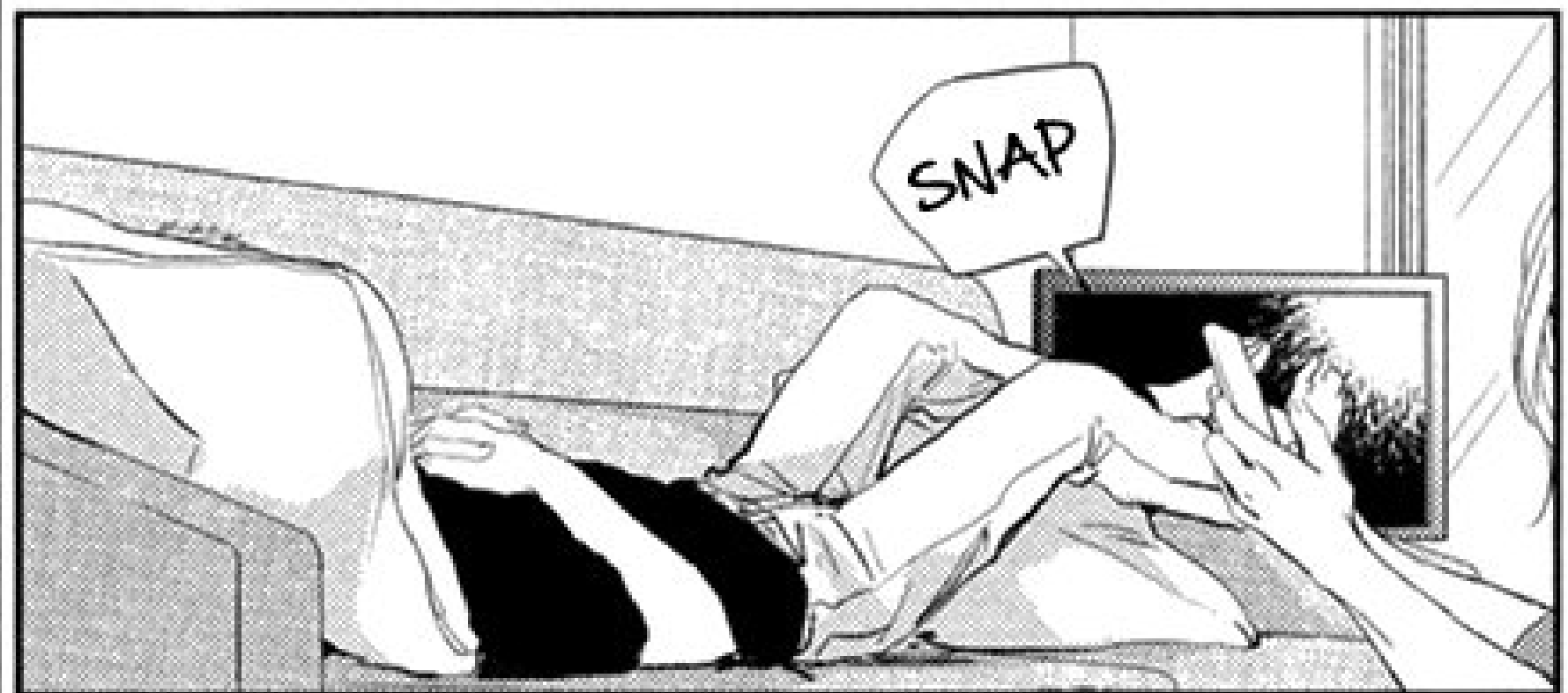
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STARE

BUT I'M
HAPPY JUST
STARING
AT HIM.

IT'S THE
HIGHLIGHT
OF MY
DAYS.

munch
munch



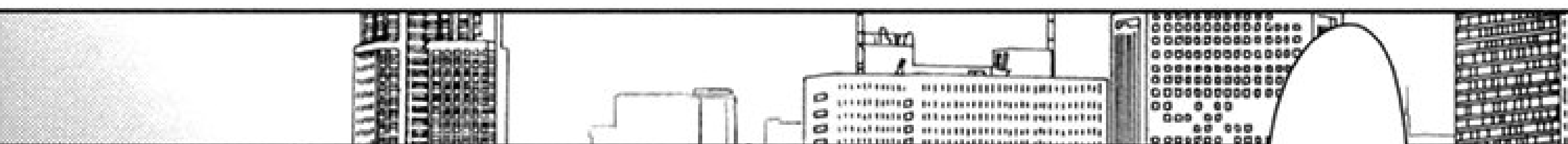
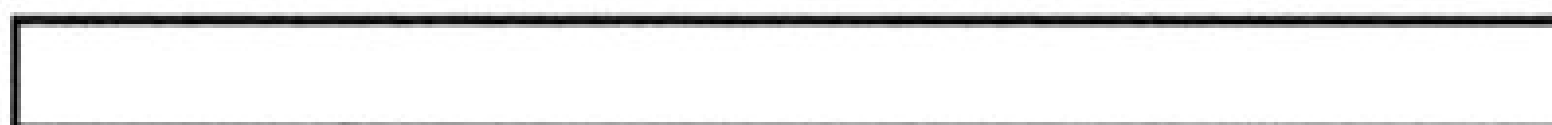
I'M SOMEHOW
REALLY LONELY
AFTER HEARING
MAFUYU'S SONG.

sigh

...AND
YET,



MAN, I
WANT A
GIRLFRIEND.



HMM,



ALL
RIGHT,

CHEERS!

CLINK

**BOTTOMS
UP!!!**

CHEERS!



HERE'S TO
THE LIVE
SHOW,

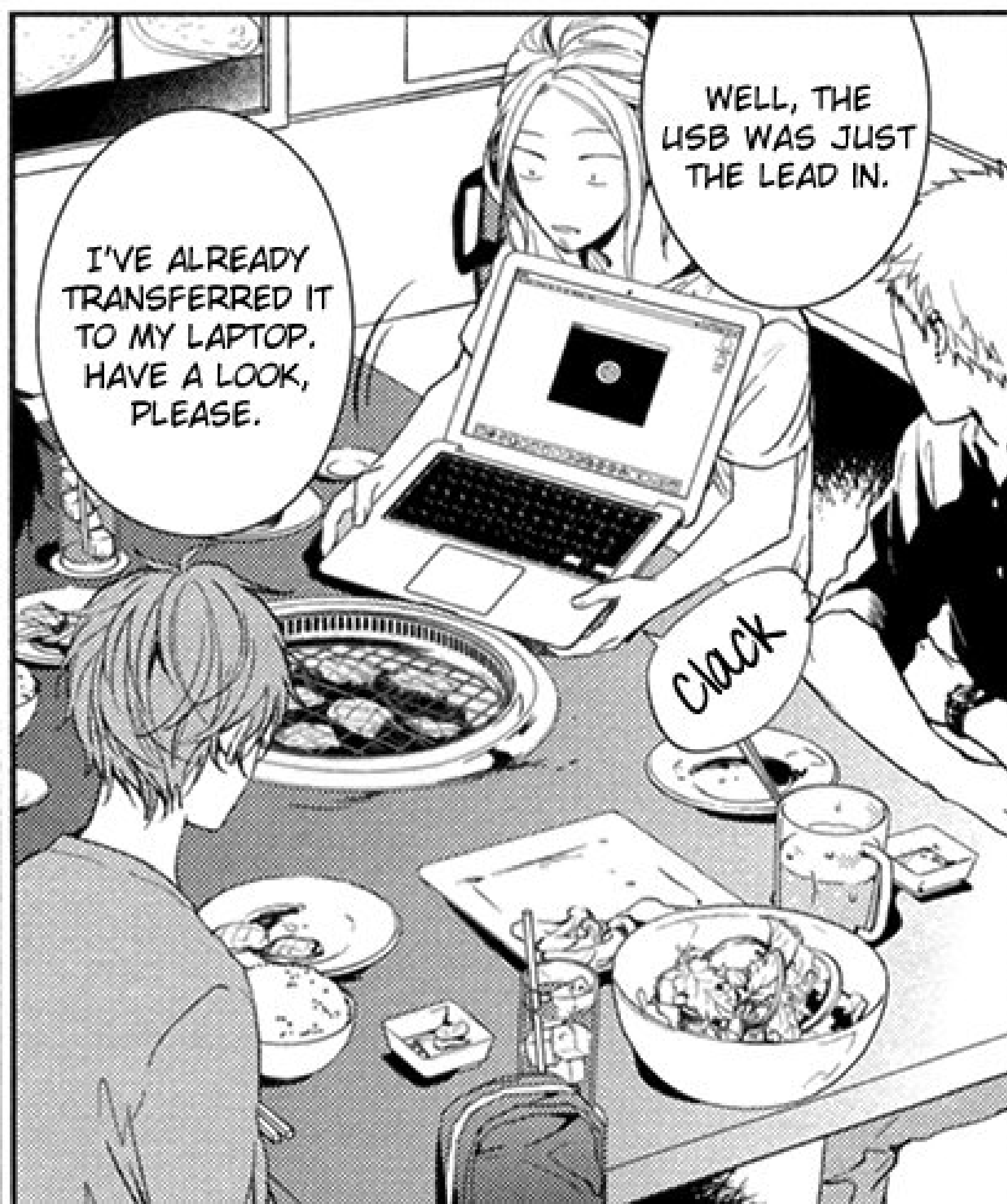
AND
MAFLYU'S
RECOVERY!

fidget

fidget



SO!





※ Opening Act: A short performance done before the main act.







HUHHH?!

What's he
talking about?



THE LIGHTING
ON STAGE...

...WAS FAR
HOTTER
THAN I'VE
IMAGINED.



IT WAS
REALLY HOT.



I DON'T
REMEMBER
MUCH APART
FROM THAT.



I CAN'T
PUT IN
WORDS THAT
SENSATION...

...THOUGHT
THAT I'LL BE
FORGIVEN FOR
SAYING ALL
THAT.

I JUST...



...THAT
SENSA-
TION...

...AGAIN.

I WANT TO
CONFIRM...

...BUT I WANT
TO PERFORM
LIVE AGAIN.



...AGAIN.

AND, I
WANNA WRITE
SONGS...

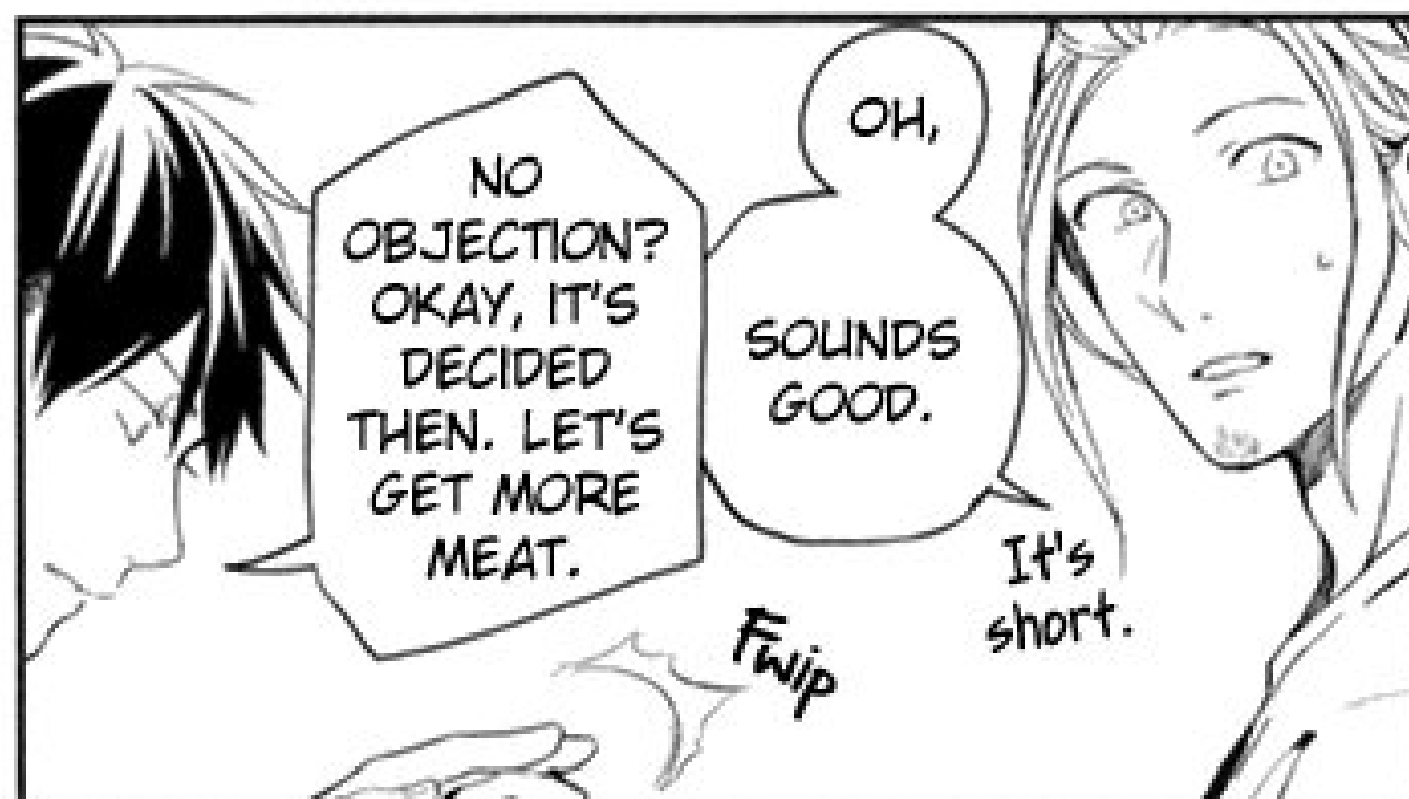
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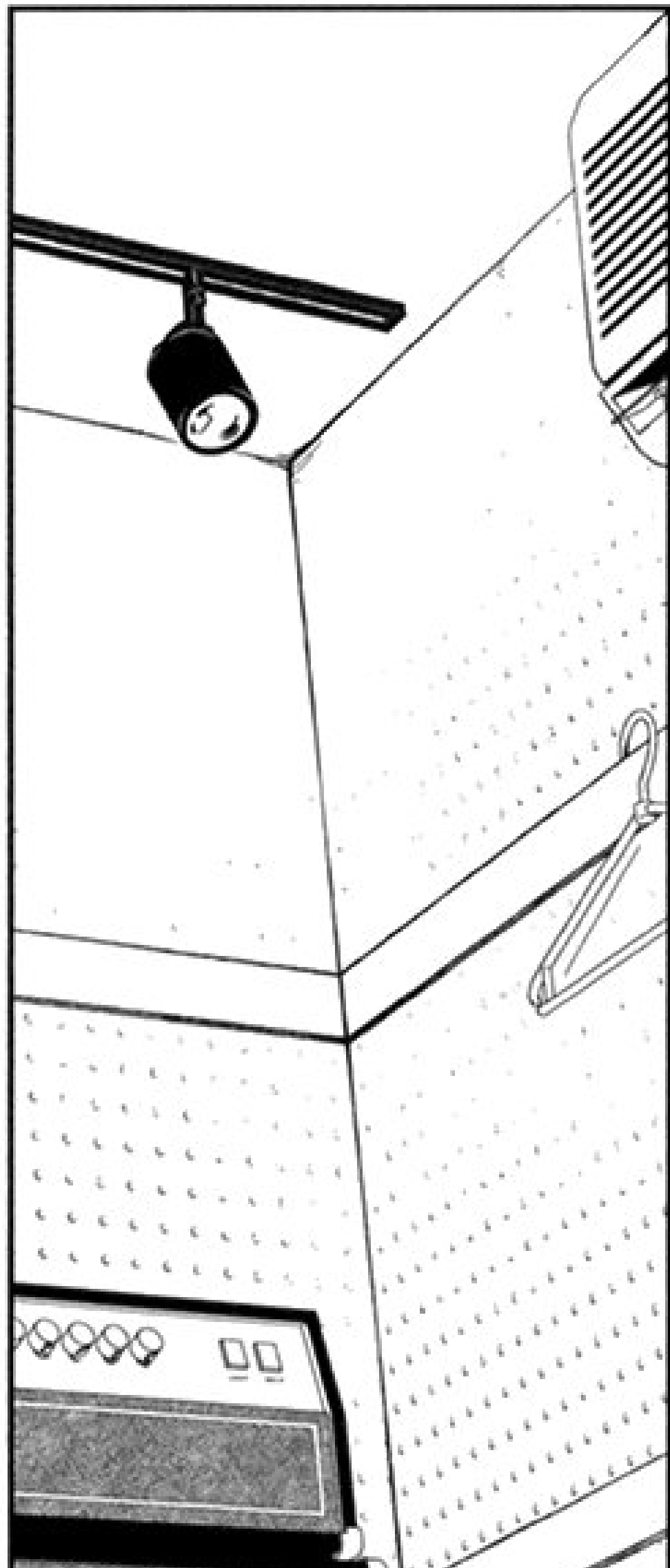






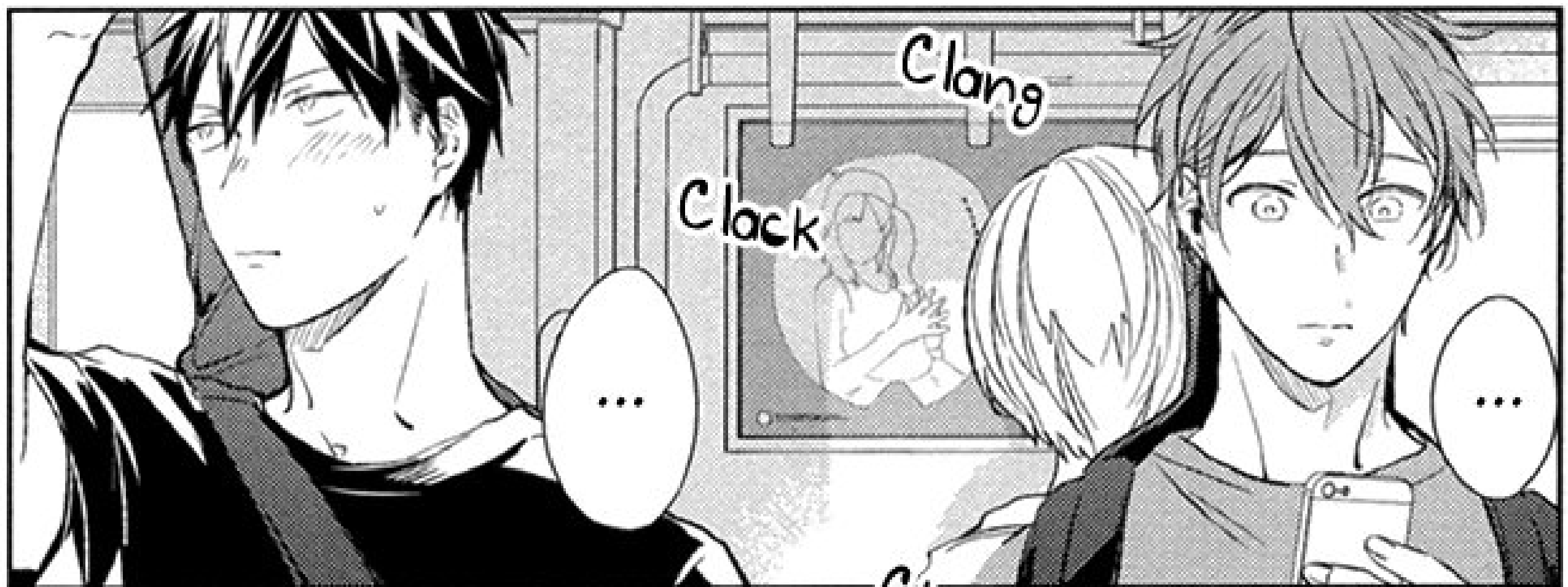
T/N: Referencing Japanese bands Gesu no Kiwami Otome and Syrup16g, and how they got their quirky names.





Time-lapse Photo Square Panorama







SO...



WHY'RE WE AT
MINATO MIRAI
IN YOKOHAMA?

JUST
WHAT'RE WE
SUPPOSED
TO DO HERE?



WHAT'S
WITH
YOU?!

DASH

You're
acting
weird!

HEY!

DASH

HUH?!



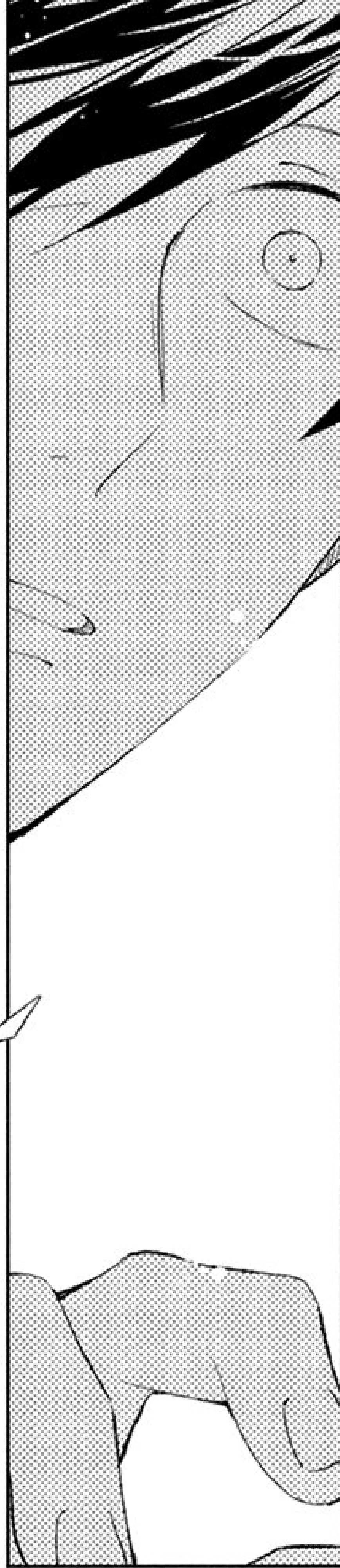
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MAFU....

YU.

DON'T GO
JUMPING INTO
THE SEA NOW!

HEY!





WHAT...
THE HELL?!



RIGHT
NOW,

THIS IS THE
SECOND TIME
HE'S MADE THAT
EXPRESSION,
LOOKING LIKE
HE'S HOLDING
IN ALL THAT
LONELINESS.

SO FAR,



THIS IS
LIKE SOME
DATING
SPOT, HUH?

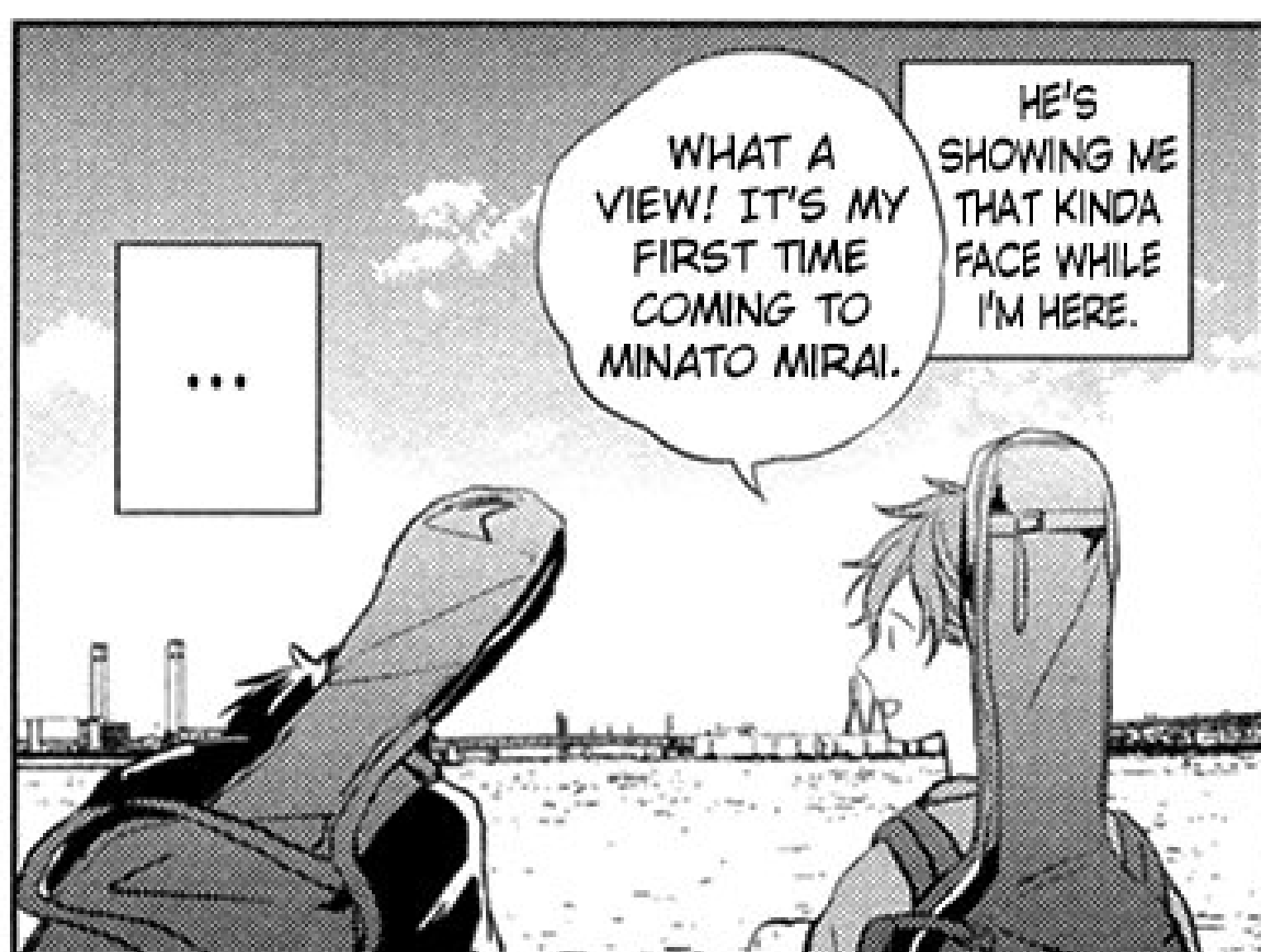
Does
he know?

Did he
catch
on?

He must've
figured out
that I like
him.

I mean,
I kissed
him. I'm
screwed.

Does he
know?



WHAT A
VIEW! IT'S MY
FIRST TIME
COMING TO
MINATO MIRAI.

HE'S
SHOWING ME
THAT KINDA
FACE WHILE
I'M HERE.

...



**ARGH,
DAMN IT!**

REALLY?

I'VE BEEN
HERE A LOT
FOR SCHOOL
EVENTS.



WHAT?!

I LIKE
YOU.



HUH?!

Caw









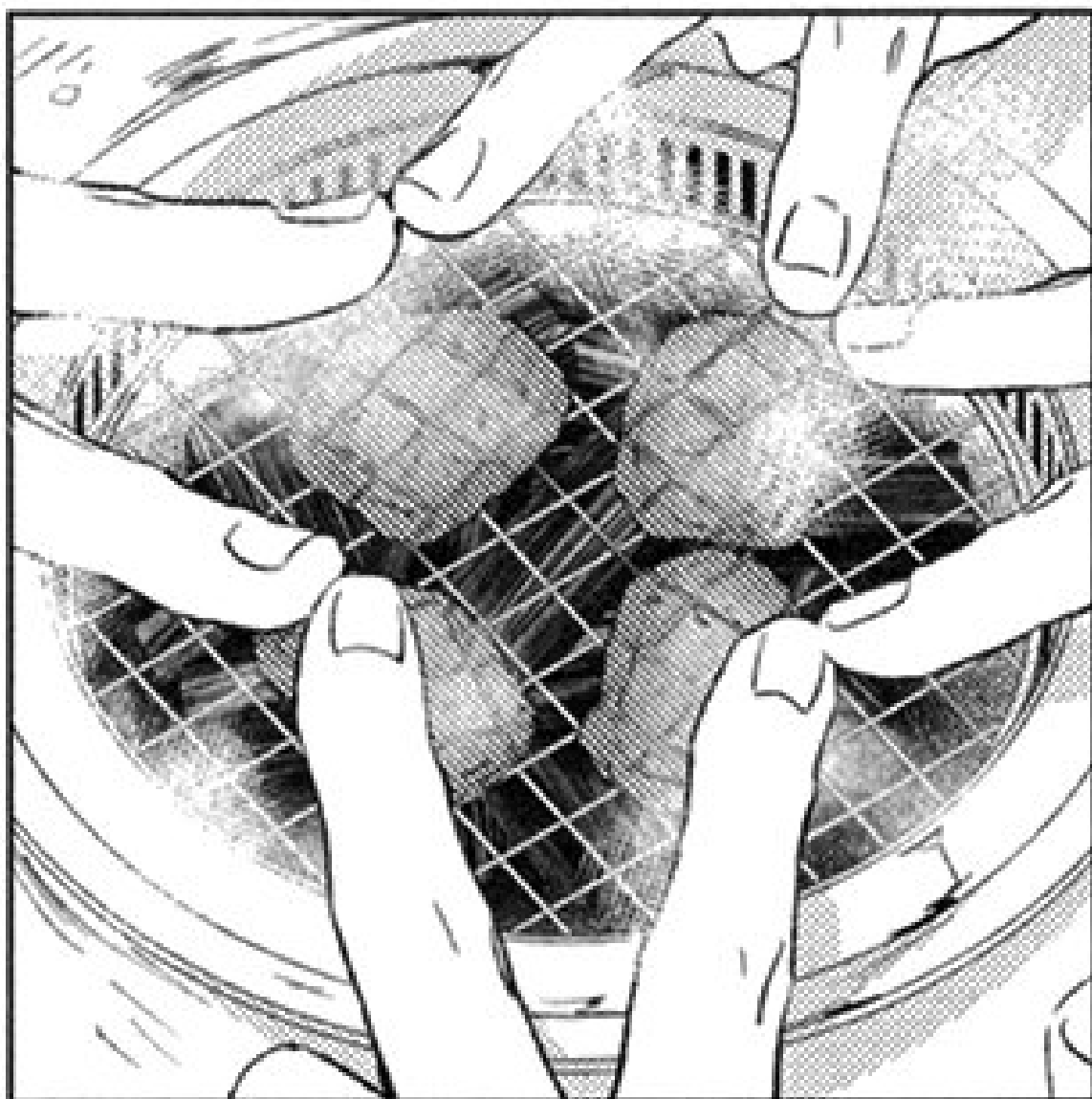
EVEN HE
CAN CHANGE.





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Yakiniku to put a stamp on it: We're officially a band (Salted Tongue).

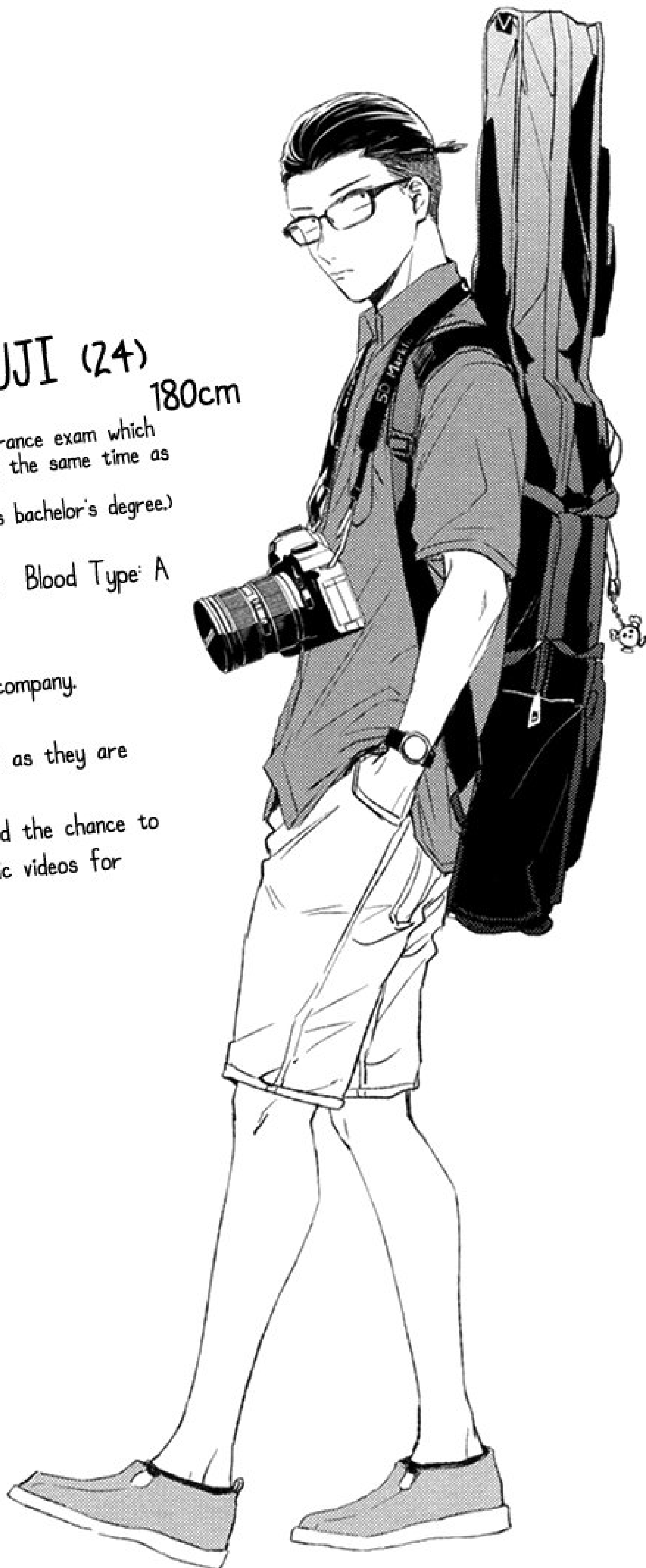


Yatake Kouji
YATAKE KOUJI (24) 180cm

(Spent a year retaking his entrance exam which was why he entered university the same time as Haruki.)
(Graduated and has gotten his bachelor's degree.)

Birthday 5/10 Taurus Blood Type: A

Does film editing in a small company.
He's a bassist-cum-vocalist.
Is close friends with Haruki as they are from the same film major.
Mixing both his interest and the chance to make money, he makes music videos for bands he's chummy with.



IT'S NOT LIKE I HATE YOU.



BUT IF YOU WERE A CHICK, I'D HAVE TOLD YOU TO STOP IT WITH THAT GUY.